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SUBJECT: PROPERTY CLAIMS: GENERAL INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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PROPERTY CLAIMS AGAINST GOVERNMENT OF ITALY

1. THERE IS NO TREATY BETWEEN US AND ITALY REGARDING PROPERTY MATTERS.

II. N/A

III. LAW NO. 31 DATED MARCH 4, 1976 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS ENFORCE EXISTING CURRENCY LAW AND REGULATIONS AIMED AT REDUCING CAPITAL OUTFLOWS AND ILLEGAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS ABROAD.

A. METHOD OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO US.

(1) INQUIRER MUST CONTACT AN ITALIAN BANK AND/OR THE ITALIAN EXCHANGE OFFICE (UFFICIO ITALIANO DEI CAMBI) IN ROME, VIA IV FONTANE 123, WHICH EXERCISES A CONTROL ON ALL TRANSACTIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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INVOLVING FOREIGN CURRENCY. THE UFFICIO ITALIANO DEI CAMBI ALSO MAINTAINS AN OFFICE IN THE US AT I WALL ST., NEW YORK, N.Y. 10005.

(2) THE BANK OR THE ITALIAN EXCHANGE OFFICE WILL ADVISE ABOUT LEGALLY PERMISSABLE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION. NO CHARGE IS ASSESSED.

- (3) NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN SOURCES OF FUNDS IS MADE PROVIDED IT IS SATISFACTORILY PROVED THAT DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS AND TRANSACTIONS WERE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL LAW.
- (A) SEE 3 ABOVE
- (B) IT IS NECESSARY TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF ENTITLEMENT AND TO PAY THE LOCAL INHERITANCE TAX.
- (C) SEE 3 ABOVE
- B. BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION.
- (1) THERE IS NO STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.
- (A) YES
- (2) NO RESTRUCTURING OF CURRENCY IS ALLOWED.
- (A) N/A
- (3) BLOCKED ACCOUNTS N/A

IV. PROPERTY STILL OWNED BY US CITIZEN
A,B AND C. SALE OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP RIGHTS TO A NATIONAL
OR FOREIGNER MUST BE EFFECTED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC
WHO WILL PREPARE AND EXECUTE THE INSTRUMENT.

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D. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO US AS RESULT OF SALE OF PROPERTY IS MADE WHEN (A) THE SELLER IS NO LONGER RESIDING IN ITALY (B) THE PROCEEDS OF SALE HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED WITH A LOCAL BANK; (C) ALL THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND (D) TRANSFER HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE ITALIAN EXCHANGE OFFICE.

V. TOURIST COMPLAINTS.

A. NOT MORE THAN 2 BOTTLES OF LIQUOR AND A FEW PACKS OF CIGARETTES MAY BE BROUGHT BY A TOURIST INTO ITALY DUTY FREE. ANY CURRENCY BROUGHT INTO ITALY MUST BE DECLARED IN WRITING TO THE BORDER AUTHORITIES ON FORM V-2 WHICH MUST RPT MUST BE SIGNED AND STAMPED BY CUSTOMS AUTHORITES. IN SO DOING TOURISTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RE-EXPORT SAME CURRENCY WHEN LEAVING ITALY. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN THE CONFISCATION OF THE CURRENCY, THE PAYMENT OF A FINE AND IN VERY SERIOUS CASES EVEN IMPRISONMENT SHOULD THE TRAVELER WISH TO TAKE OUT OF ITALY THE BALANCE OF THE FUNDS IN EITHER LIRE OR FOREIGN CURRENCY, INCLUDING DOLLARS, EXCEPT THAT UP TO 35,000 LIRE CAN BE TAKEN OUT IN CASH.

B. INTERNATIONAL AIR MAIL BETWEEN US AND ITALY MAY TAKE FROM

3 DAYS TO 3 WEEKS.

C. CONSULAR ACCESS IN CASES OF ARREST. UNDER ITALIAN JUDICIAL PROCEDURE CONSULAR ACCESS IN CASES OF ARREST IS PERMITTED AFTER THE ACCUSED HAS BEEN PRELIMINARLY INTERROGATED BY THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANDLING THE CASE. THE PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION IS USUALLY CONCLUDED WITHIN WORKING 3 DAYS AFTER ARREST.GARDNER

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